Dear Public Health Committee Members,

I ask that you please attach the proposal to expand Naturopathic Physicians Scope of Practice to bill 5537. I have personally benefited over the last 28 years from Naturopathic physicians, specifically Dr. Enrico Liva. My son was a severe asthmatic and in1986, after following the Dr. Liva's instructions, was able to stop taking prednisone and two other medications. He was 6 years old then, had suffered from pneumonia three times, and had been taking prednisone for over 5 months just to breath. He looked like a gray marshmallow with dark circles under his eyes. Food additives, wheat and dairy allergies were the cause. I believe that without Dr. Liva's help my son's survival was in question. After my son's health stabilized, we moved to Florida to further help improve his health. He is now 36 years old and very healthy.

In 2001 we returned to Conn. and I began having problems with asthma and allergies. The same doctor has helped me over the last 13 years to identify food and environmental allergies that were keeping me from living a full life. Without Naturopathic Medical Treatment my life would be like so many others who depend on pharmaceuticals to survive. I'm happy to say that neither my son or I take any prescription medicine, mainly thanks to Dr. Liva.

I have recommended many friends and family members to seek this kind of treatment when facing things that medical doctors don't know how to treat, or treat with an abundance of pharmaceuticals. Many have found profound improvement relatively quickly.

I've long been convinced that it's in the best interest of traditional medical physicians and big pharmaceutical companies to limit the practice of Naturopathic treatment.

This is by far the best way to Reduce Healthcare Costs!

Sincerely, Michelle Lock 74 Arnold Drive East Hartford CT 06108